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United Brethren High School Endeavorers of Bumpo via Bo, Sierra Leone, West Africa, plant gardens to raise money to contribute to the World's Christian Endeavor Union. Every national union is urged to contribute to the worldwide work and these youth are trying to do their share.

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Christ's Purpose

Respected and listened to, in and outside of the churches, was Dr. Henry Drummond (1851-1897) of Scotland. He taught theology and gave influential lectures on natural science. His best known book was *Natural Law in the Spiritual World*.

In an address often repeated he said: "The first great epoch in Christian's life, after the awe and wonder of its dawn, is when there breaks into his mind that Christ has a purpose for mankind. This is a purpose beyond a person and his needs, beyond churches and their creeds, beyond Heaven and its saints. Christ's purpose embraces every man and woman born, every kindred and nation formed, regarding not their spiritual good alone but their welfare in every part, their progress, health, work, wages, their happiness in this present world."

First voiced, it would seem, in the 1380's, this was in the spirit of the youth movement, Christian Endeavor whose birth year was 1881. How new yet how old, are the Christian truths by which we worship God in Christ and strive to do Christ's will!—B.H.A.

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All ages join in Nigerian Christian Endeavor

President Meadows Welcomes Nigeria

Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, left New York City January 6 for a 23-day tour to Senegal, Sierra Leone, Nigeria, Italy, and Germany before returning to Washington, D. C., February 18.

The Tenth National Convention of the Sierra Leone Christian Endeavor Union was held January 27-28 in Freetown via Bo. Dr. Meadows addressed the 300 delegates on Sunday and conferred with Jonathan Lincoln, who was reelected president. At Mattru, Monday, he addressed the 500 students of the Centennial Secondary School.

Primary purpose of the tour was to welcome the Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union into the World's Union. On February 10, Dr. Meadows met with twenty representatives near Abak to officially welcome the new union. They accepted the pledge and voted formally to become a part of the World's Union. Pastor S. C. John is the president.

In speaking of his visit Dr. Meadows says, "There are 50,000 people united by Christian Endeavor in Nigeria; it unites the Bible Methodist,

Apostolic Assembly, Calvary Baptist, and Bethel Temple denominations; it unites people from different tribes and languages. While English is the official language, some speak Ibo and others Efik. It unites members across state lines, including the South Eastern and East Central states. Through their united effort they have established the Meadows Secondary School near Abak to train ministers and teachers; it opened September 1972 and has 140 students."

Speaking of his experiences Dr. Meadows continues, "The civil war of 1967-70 left its mark on this area of Nigeria. There are no elderly people, but hundreds of small orphan children. Churches and homes were destroyed and temporary mud chapels and huts have replaced them. Everywhere piles of cinder blocks made by hand are ready for the construction of more permanent churches. I visited two or three villages each day, speaking to 75-150 people in each village, and shared the Gospel with more than 4,000 people in Nigeria."

"The people were most gracious
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Nigerian Young Girls Association, with two pastors

A LOOK AT NIGERIA

Nigeria, West Africa's most populous country (62,000,000) in that great continent, became a sovereign nation October 1, 1960, and a republic within the British Commonwealth three years later with Lagos as its capital. It comprises an area equal to that of Texas and Oklahoma (about 357,000 square miles) and is a member of the United Nations. Its first federal constitution guaranteed personal liberties and regional autonomy and provided for a Parliament comprised of a 312-member House directly elected and a Senate indirectly elected.

It is located on the southern side of the West African bulge and is comprised of nearly 250 tribal and linguistic groups, including the Hausas in the north, Ibos in the east, and Yorubas in the west. English is the official language. Nigerians constitute about one-fifth of the population of the African continent. The country's rich natural resources include oil, coal, iron, limestone, and natural gas. Cocoa is its main product and export, with oil as a close second.

In May 1967 the Eastern Region seceded from Nigeria and proclaimed itself an independent republic. This plunged the country into civil war which in the three years that followed caused the death of thousands, many by starvation. The area suffered greatly, but in the end was compelled to remain a part of Nigeria. Islam is

a principal religion, particularly in the Northern Region, but there has come in recent years an evangelical Christian revival with the conversion of thousands to Christ through the New Life for All movement. Many new churches have been established.

A missionary of the Church of God, Rev. Willy Ruoff, stationed at Abak, South Eastern State, recently reported: "While the war (1967-70) has caused great suffering, it has also inspired a new awareness of God as a source of peace and strength. The people of Nigeria are hungry for God. It is not unusual for people to fast and for whole congregations to spend all night in prayer."

About a year and a half ago inquiry concerning Christian Endeavor came to the World's Union president from Pastor S. C. John near Port Harcourt, South Eastern State, who is in charge of ten congregations with 2,969 members known as the Bethel Temple Church. Frequent correspondence was exchanged and Christian Endeavor literature was sent out. In the meantime Pastor John enlisted three other denominational groups. They organized the Nigerian Christian Endeavor Union and last fall held their first convention with over 4,000 in attendance. They elected Pastor S. C. John as president; Pastor P. L. Essien, vice-president; Pastor A. A. Akpan, secretary; and Pastor A. D. Isoh, treasurer.

"Bible Valid for Life Today" Says Duke University Senior

"The Bible can be banned, burned, ignored, or denied. But it won't go away for it is a living book with a timeless message that has bridged the generation gap for countless centuries. It still retains the power to change lives so that the unusual seems normal and only in retrospect does one observe God working."

The speaker was tall, 21-year-old blond and bearded Mark Taylor, the sixth of Kenneth and Margaret Taylor's ten children. Mark stopped between senior classes at Duke University to discuss how "*The Living Bible, Paraphrased*" has affected his life.

His father was with Moody Press, the publishing arm of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, and first began to paraphrase the Bible when Mark was about four or five years old.

"Dad had tried to read the Bible to us during family devotions," Mark said. "After he finished the passage for the day and questioned us children it was often obvious that we didn't understand what the Bible passage had to say and especially what it had to say to us.

"So he experimented, working first of all to put Paul's letter to the Romans into easy-to-understand modern English. He read that to us during family devotions and our interest sparked considerably. That encouraged him to work on the entire Book of Romans and it was published by Moody Press.

"Friends urged him to work on some of the other New Testament letters. Finally, after seven years, he had finished them all. They were published as '*Living Letters*' (by Tyn-

dale House Publishers, a company Taylor had formed for just that publishing venture) and have received pretty wide recognition."

"The entire family became involved in Tyndale House," Mark explained. "My responsibilities were in what is now the shipping department. Each day, after school, I rushed home and wrapped, packed, and mailed books to stores across the country. It never occurred to me that it was an unusual way to spend my spare time."

After "*Living Letters*," Taylor's next step was to paraphrase the Old Testament's minor prophets.

"Dad felt strongly that was a part of the Bible people simply weren't reading because it was too difficult to understand," Mark recalled. "As each new book was finished and published we still didn't realize that eventually the entire Bible would be paraphrased, or that it would become such a widely accepted paraphrase.

MARK TAYLOR, son of Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor, author of "*The Living Bible, Paraphrased*."



"As the work progressed and more and more volumes were published in 'The Living Bible' series, I began to be excited, as were many others who felt that someday the whole Bible would be finished. I think, by the time Dad had finished about half the Bible, he began to see that his job was to bring the whole Bible to the people of the United States, and the world, in a new and readable translation.

"I honestly think this has been God's task for him in these years of his life and I think it will continue to be his task as he oversees the distribution and translation of this work.

"I know, of course, that Dad could be a multi-millionaire as a result of 'The Living Bible, Paraphrased' but he isn't, and people sometimes question me about this.

"But I feel, as Dad does, that he hasn't done this work on his own energy, his own effort, and his own intellect. God has worked through him to do this, so Dad feels he can't take any of the credit.

"For that same reason, he feels that all the money that comes in should be channeled back into the work of God. That was why Tyndale House Foundation was established. It finances the translation of 'The Living Bible' into other languages and supports other Christian work in many different areas of the world."

Mark calls timing of the release of "The Living Bible" God's time. "It took Dad seven years to finish 'Living Letters,' the epistles of the New Testament, and then only another seven to finish up the rest of the Bible so I can only believe that there was some sort of Divine time schedule involved.

"Just a few years ago, really, the Revised Standard Version was introduced to the public. In some circles there was much outcry because the King James Version had been popular since 1611. But as several other

translations have recently been published, there has been more ready acceptance each time.

"So when 'The Living Bible' was released there wasn't the same kind of animosity toward it that there might have been earlier. It doesn't pretend to be 'The Only Bible.' It is merely a translation, as is each of the others. But in these 1970's a whole new understanding of what it means to be a Christian has awakened. For that reason I think there are more people reading the Bible now than there were ten or twenty years ago."

As Tyndale House has grown Mark's own involvement has expanded.

"There are now several full-time employees doing what I used to do after school," he said. "I also have worked with Dad on the editorial end of 'The Living Bible.' After he did the basic paraphrasing he gave the manuscript to me to read for style, spelling and grammar.

"Then I returned the manuscript to him and he went over it again to be certain that I hadn't inadvertently changed any of the meaning. Finally the manuscript was submitted to Hebrew or Greek experts, as the case required, and they scrutinized it with a fine-tooth comb to be certain none of the basic truths had been affected.

Determined to make "The Living Bible, Paraphrased" relevant to everyone, Tyndale House has recently published "The Living New Testament" in a contemporary edition called "Reach Out."

"Reach Out" has been especially well received among young people. It features pictures of today's youth with captions that help them to begin to understand what the New Testament has to say. "Reach Out" enjoys a circulation approaching the 2,000,000 mark. Because of its success, the same format has been followed with the

ature "Living Bible" and it has been released in paperback with the title, "The Way."

Mark feels strongly that Christianity is not an inherited belief. Like many Christians away from home for the first time he spent his first year at Duke in a period of serious questioning before accepting, as valid for his life, the faith taught him by his parents.

"In a Christian society like ours many people feel that because their parents attend church or a grandparent was a minister or something, that makes them Christians, too," he said.

"To really become a Christian, one must come to grips with God's personal love for each one of us. He must decide for himself how he's going to respond to that love. I'm glad I questioned because I'm now convinced that my own Christian life is that — my own and not my parents'. There's something that God and I had to struggle through."

Young Taylor feels daily Bible reading has helped him in his growth. Dad wishes every person in the world would read the Bible daily. I try, but it was especially difficult when I was young. It hasn't been until just the last year or so that I've come anywhere near being a regular reader.

"One reason is because I've been able to see more and more that the Bible really has something to say to me, today. Reading it is pleasant and very helpful to me. I'm constantly amazed at how timeless the Bible message seems to be.

"Right now I'm studying the Old Testament book of Isaiah. It's really exciting to see that the prophecies spoken to the people of Judah in 600 and 700 B.C. were applicable then and are also to the point for me,

right here in Durham, North Carolina, in 1973.

"I recognize that we're in an age of religious revival, or renewal. Many people carry Bibles wherever they go and they witness. The emphasis some people put on sex and drugs is misplaced because whatever highs they give are temporary. But when you come to know Almighty God through Jesus Christ, that is a permanent situation.

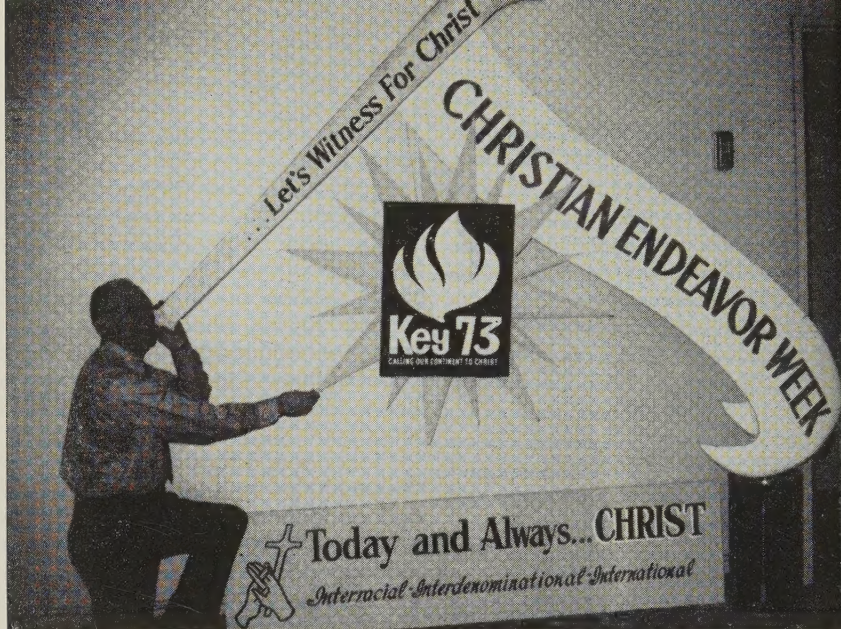
"I get very excited when I realize that many of my peers are beginning to understand what the love of God is all about and to understand that Jesus Christ was not just a good man who lived nearly 2,000 years ago but a man who has something to say to us now.

"I'm also excited that young people are as open and honest as they are about their religious beliefs and that they share those beliefs. I do think some are religious because their friends are, but for the most part I feel that those who are on the streets telling everyone what it means to be a Christian are really sincere.

"And as these people grow through reading what God has to say to them I am glad they can read it in 'The Living Bible, Paraphrased.' That's what it's all about."

"Living Bible" Author Speaks at Evansville

Speaker at the Friday evening Communion service during the International Convention July 2-6 at Evansville, Indiana, will be Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor, founder and president of Tyndale House and author of "The Living Bible." Delegates will have opportunity to meet Dr. Taylor and ask questions at the rap session following the evening service.



THESE SIGNS were displayed during Christian Endeavor Week in the window of the Rochester (New York) Gas and Electric building through arrangements made by Eugene G. Alhart (left). Mr. Alhart is president of the Board of Trustees of the Extension and Perpetuation Fund of the International Society.

THIS CAKE marked the birthday at the February 2 banquet for the Prince George-Disputanta-Petersburg-Richmond area, held at Third Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, Virginia. Ready to cut the cake are Dwayne Whitehead, president of the Junior Society, and Phyllis G. Brown of Richmond; 127 were present.



Birthday Brings Blessings

Christian Endeavor celebrated its 92nd birthday January 28-February 4. Theme for the week was "Today and Always — Christ," the current biennial theme. An endless variety of activities marked this annual event with all ages participating. Here are a few typical reports.

New England

The First Congregational Church of Marlboro, Massachusetts, hosted the New England Union February 3. Following a slide presentation promoting the Northfield Conference, the anniversary service featured Paul Hurley of Pennsylvania, International Society representative, and R.

Gerald Kroll of North Baptist Church, Brockton, speaker. Mr. Hurley also took part in a Southern New England Rally February 4 at First Congregational Church, Cromwell, Connecticut, for Rhode Island and Connecticut youth which included a spaghetti dinner and the Northfield slides. Rev. Gordon G. Avery is pastor at Cromwell; Rev. Harvey Pierce heads the New England Union.

Missouri

Endeavorers of the four societies of Berkeley Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, formed two choirs (Primary Juniors and Junior High-Young People) and took complete charge of morning worship January 28. Youth giving messages were Raymond Roth, Wayne McDaniel, Ann Garber, and Jim Parks.

Oregon

The five societies of First Christian Church, Tillamook, used the Sunday evening service for each group to present its work, based on Ephesians 4:11-16 and emphasizing goals, objectives, and methods used, according to Dave Rockey, youth minister.

Pennsylvania

Societies of Westmoor Church of Christ, Kingston, could not carry out regular activities because of extensive flood damage last June; Pennsylvania Endeavorers have been helping in the area. The youth took part in worship on January 28 and February 4 and enjoyed a sleighride and a fellowship period at the parsonage. Minister is Rev. Dennis Madeira; Mrs. Hilda M. Thomas is chairman of the Christian Endeavor Cabinet.

Luzerne County's February 3 dinner featured Arch J. McQuilkin, speaker; Harold R. Pittman; and Gordon McMordie. On Saturday morning society and county officers, pastors, and advisors met with Mr. McQuilkin and Mr. McMordie. County president is William P. Hoover.

Mercer County had eight entries in its window display contest, with Freedom United Presbyterian Endeavorers winning first place. The union's banquet February 3 on the theme "Christian Endeavor Around the World" featured Rev. Charles W. Barner, World's Union general secretary.

P. Raymond Bartholomew, Pennsylvania Union president, appeared on the "About Town" talk show on CATV, Sharon, February 2, with "The Unichords" of Unity Presbyterian Church. Another appearance to tell about Christian Endeavor is scheduled March 23.

Virginia

Youth of Calvary Memorial Church, Roanoke, gave talks in Sunday School and led a service at Friendship Manor nursing home; they also enjoyed a birthday party at the church. Mrs. R. L. Hall is counselor.

Societies of Jerusalem Chapel, Mount Olivet, and Fifth Street United Brethren in Christ Churches met in Churchville for a banquet with Dr. Walter M. Burkholder of Indiana as speaker. MC was Rev. Arthur Pilgrim and youth of Jerusalem Chapel presented a skit. Mrs. Elden A. Griffin reports 125 were present.

Washington

Youth of First Reformed Church, Yakima, took over the morning service February 4, when a \$50 offering was received for the International Society. The 24 members sponsored a January 30 banquet which was "entertaining with lots of good food," according to secretary Pam Kopp.

Ontario

Shiloh Teen United Brethren Endeavorers of Fourth of Bruce held a potluck banquet and service, with many youth taking part. The new church sign purchased by the group was dedicated.

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Thanks

A great big "Thank you" goes to all the local poster plant owners who co-operated in the 1973 Outdoor Poster Program.

Hundreds of Christian Endeavor posters were displayed in the United States and Canada during January and February. This highway evangelism program is made possible by the generous contribution of space by local plant owners, most of whom are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc., and by Christian Endeavorers who provide funds to cover the cost of the posters themselves.

The outdoor advertising companies participating in the 1973 Program are listed here. For their help in presenting the Christian Endeavor story to millions who travel the streets and highways, Endeavorers express appreciation and gratitude.

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Welcomes Nigeria

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and did everything in their power to make me comfortable," Dr. Meadows continues. "Their diet includes fresh pineapple, green coconuts, bananas, rice, yams, eggs, chicken, and fish. In the bush area where I stayed for 12 days there was no electricity and water approved for drinking by the government is scarce; bicycles seemed to be the main method of transportation."

In Italy February 13-16 Dr. Meadows conferred with Rev. Roberto Comba, general secretary of the Waldensian Church. Discussion centered around the use of Christian Endeavor material to give an evangelical emphasis in youth work. Contacts were made with Pastor Mario Sbaffi, president of the Methodist Church in Italy, and with Pastor Alberto Ribet and Dean Alberto Soggin of the Waldensian Seminary in Rome.

Dr. Meadows was met by Rev. Konrad Brandt, field secretary of the German Union, when he arrived in Frankfurt February 16. In Essen he met with the local committee for the 17th World's Convention, conferred with the chairman, Hans Nuhn, and inspected the facilities to be used. Over 10,000 delegates from many countries are expected to converge on Essen July 24-28, 1974. Dr. Meadows also met with Rev. Arno Pagel, president of the German Union and Essen Program Committee chairman.

Concerning the 19,000 mile tour, Dr. Meadows says, "I am greatly encouraged by the manifest interest on the part of many in the work for Christ and the Church through Christian Endeavor in these five countries."

NEWS

Personalia

Congratulations to *James M. Gordon*, general chairman of the Evansville Convention Committee, who was named director of electric operations for Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Company beginning March 1.

Christian sympathy to the family of *Rev. Gabriel K. Pe'a* of Kalapana, Puna, Hawaii, longtime Endeavorer, who died January 30. Services were held at Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu and at Haili Church on the "Big Island." Mr. Pe'a attended a number of International Conventions.

Visit Bible Land Endeavorers

The 43 members of International Society's Bible Lands Tour will meet with Egyptian Endeavorers April 13 and Endeavorers in Beirut April 15. The tour, which leaves New York April 9, will be hosted by Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president. First stop is Athens, then on to Cairo where the Egyptian Convention is scheduled during the party's stay. After two days in Lebanon, including a side trip to Damascus, the party will thrill to Holy Week and Easter in Jerusalem, returning home April 23.

Summer in Australia

Australian Endeavorers participated in the 6th Summer School of Leadership January 15-21. Theme was "The Jesus Way—Now!" Held every two years, these schools provide a concentrated, practical learning experience.

Japan Is Youth Project

The Youth Missionary Project for Evangelical Congregational Churches of young people in 1973 is the Evangelical Congregational Church in Tokyo, Japan. Eastern and Western Conference winners in Bible Quiz, Speeches, and Talent will complete this summer at Cottage Grove Church, Akron, Ohio.

Buy a Poster!

In the 1973 Outdoor Poster Program a total of 976 posters have been shipped (see pages 10-11 of this issue). The companies donate valuable space without charge, but gifts of \$5 each are needed to cover the cost of the posters themselves. To date only \$1,915 has been received; gifts from individuals, societies, churches, and unions are needed to cover the balance of \$2,965. Send your gift to Columbus Headquarters—buy a poster!



ENDEAVORERS of First United Brethren in Christ Church, Columbus, Ohio, are proud of the outdoor poster displayed in the church Christian Endeavor Week. The four societies took charge of the morning service February 4 and had a Mystery Dinner Thursday and installation service Sunday night.



ENDEAVORERS IN ACTION



JAPANESE ENDEAVORERS pose with Dr. Kojiro Hata (center), president of the Japan Union, during the summer camp in Kansai District August 1972. This is one of three camps held annually to challenge youth to enter full-time Christian service. Rev. Takashi Oku was named Japan Union president as well as secretary following Dr. Hata's death last November.

Japan President Dies

On November 25 Dr. Kojiro Hata of Kyoto died suddenly, following a stroke. He was president of the Japan Union of Christian Endeavor and honorary vice-president of the World's Union. The funeral was December 2 at the chapel of Doshisha University. Dr. Hata had presided over the Japan Union Board meeting November 21 in Tokyo. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, World's Union president, pays this tribute to Dr. Hata: "He was a wonderful Christian and a tireless worker. He was not only outstanding in the leadership of Christian Endeavor, but also active in his church, the M.C.A., his community, and interested in the educational work of his country, especially Doshisha University. This man of God will be missed by many people around the world."

McQuilkin Visits India

Arch J. McQuilkin, assistant to the president of the International Society

and Finance Committee chairman of the World's Union, visited India last fall as part of an around-the-world trip. He took part in the wedding October 3 of Pauline Doraisawmy, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Solomon Doraisawmy. He also participated in the All-India Convention at Cuttack October 13-17, speaking every day and presenting Expert Endeavorer cards and other awards. Mr. McQuilkin was especially thrilled each day when all the convention delegates stood and recited the Christian Endeavor pledge. Top attendance reached 3,500.

Write On

The Evangelical Press Association is sponsoring a Christian writing contest (fiction, non-fiction, and poetry) for youth of minority groups. Youth 13-18 can win up to \$150 and a writing course. For information write Norman B. Rohrer, P.O. Box 707, La Canada, California 91011; deadline for entries is May 1.



MEXICAN UNION leaders are pictured with Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, president of the International Society, when he was in Mexico City October 1972 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Presbyterian Church in Mexico. Three generations of the Macias family, all named David, are shown with Dr. Boss in the left photo — (from left) Dr. David Macias, grandfather, grandson David, son David, and Dr. Boss. Officers of the Intermediate Union (right photo) are (from left) Hector Herrera, song leader; Raquel Martinez, secretary; Esther Macias, president; and Juan Jose Vera, treasurer.

Living Memorials

Recently the International Society of Christian Endeavor received gifts in memory of the following Endeavorers:

Mrs. Bertha Barner (Pennsylvania)
 Jerry Boylston (North Carolina)
 Eston R. Kimble (West Virginia)
 Carroll M. Wright (Florida)

Gifts received in memory of former Endeavorers are used in the great work of Christian Endeavor to win youth to Jesus Christ and train them for service to Him through His Church.

Would you like to honor a former Endeavorer as a living memorial? Send your gift with the name of the person to be honored to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Your gift will be recognized in a future issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD.

Floral pieces wither away, but the power of the Gospel in the lives of youth bears eternal fruit.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

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Adult Endeavorers of New Dundee United Brethren in Christ Church honored two living charter members at the evening service February .

—Mrs. Eva Hallman Bean and Ivan M. Hilborn. Oliver Zimmerman showed South American slides and a social hour followed. Mrs. Fred B. Wallace is president.

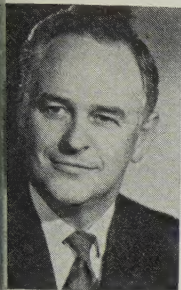
North Carolina

Varick's Society of St. Stephen A.M.E. Zion Church, Maysville, participated in the morning worship and held a birthday banquet. Mrs. Dorothy M. Duncan is counselor.

Sierra Leone

The annual Rally and Birthday Banquet was January 26-28 at Bump High School, Sierra Leone, West Africa. Four high school age groups participated in music, drama, and Bible competitions; Bump High School won the golden trophy. Dr. Clyde W. Meadows spoke at the final session. Jonathan Lincoln is president of the Sierra Leone Union.

LOOK AT IT THIS WAY...



Today and Always—CHRIST

By Dr. LaVerne H. Boss, President

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"Today and Always . . . Christ," is the current theme of all Christian Endeavorers in North America. This biennial theme certainly is a challenge to young and old alike to actively commit their lives to Jesus Christ. The call is clear for commitment today and always. I am

thrilled by the simple thought that in Christ there is no middle ground. His word, as related in Holy Scripture, clearly states that the choice is either to accept Him or deny Him, to serve Him or to serve the devil.

Youth today are looking for a vital program, one that challenges their inner thoughts, their boundless energy, and their search for relevancy or meaningfulness. The simple question then arises: Do you have sufficient strength, thorough commitment, unswerving loyalty, limitless love, to accept Jesus Christ as your personal saviour and to join hands with hundreds and thousands of other youth and adults across North America and say, "Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength, I promise that I will 'Today and Always . . . CHRIST' strive to do whatever He would have me do"? The challenge is clear. The response is personal and you alone can indicate your choice. In writing to the early church the Apostle Paul had no problem in determining his course of life when he stated: "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:14).

"Today and Always — Christ" was the theme of Christian Endeavor Week 1973, and it was my privilege and honor as president of the International Society to tour in various parts of Ontario. I participated in six separate meetings during my three-day stay in Canada and I praise God and our loyal endeavorers in Niagara, Hamilton, Kitchener, Waterloo, and the Toronto area for their deep commitment and extreme loyalty to Jesus Christ and their support of His work through the Christian Endeavor movement.

This page is not sufficient to tell of the exciting things that are happening and of the plans for the expansion of Christian Endeavor into numerous churches in Ontario. In the past I have spoken of hospitality extended to me by various groups, but certainly my experience with Christian friends in the province of Ontario must be a new high point for me.

Christian Endeavor is a Christ-centered movement. This is why I am proud to be a part of it. We seek not service to Christian Endeavor, but service to Christ; we must never lose sight of the fact that Jesus Christ is the same today and always.

I close with this verse from Matthew 6:21: "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." You cannot escape the question. What is your answer? Why not talk it over with Jesus Christ?

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